The Caribbean on the Edge: Regionalism and Insights for the Pacific Islands

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The Setting

- No island is an island
- The Caribbean as a voyage of discovery
- Tense stability in the Caribbean
- The Caribbean on the Edge of history and on a policy standstill
- Time for global action
Regionalism in the Emerging World Order

- Pacific island ‘We need a plan with each other, rather than against each other’
- Regionalism in the Pacific Islands is an inevitable process
- ‘Hegemonic’ and ‘integrationist’ regionalism
- Regionalism in the ‘multiplex world’
- Regionalism is key element - as the world economic and security political order wanes.
Theory Talks: The Cycle of Ideas in Caribbean Development

- Trade and Competitiveness as an engine of growth
- Capital flows and structural adjustment
- Human skills and Productivity
- Innovation and entrepreneurship
- Integration and convergence
- Sustainable development
Convergence: A Non Linear Process of Integration

- Linear and non-linear growth
- Environmental Quality and economic growth
- ‘Structural waste’ and value creation
- Convergence and new pathways
- Measuring Economic resilience
Regionalism and the Global Trends – Implications for Island Economies

- Value chain is a powerful instrument for regional integration
- Expanding the economic space thru competitiveness and convergence
- Embodying the ‘index of experience’ into technical change
- Stimulus must steadily evolve, not merely be repeating
Connecting the Dots: Expanding the Integration Space

- Pacific: two track ‘critical path’ - confidence and negotiation
- Value chains are becoming more regional and less global
- The new regionalism - bridging the gap between policy and action.
- Choice between ‘implementation deficit’ and ‘architectural design’
What are the risks ahead: Is the World sleepwalking into a crisis?

- Taking back control - political and multilateral institutions
- Including ‘value chain’ and ‘blue’ economy
- Macro stability - financial buffers, external shocks
- ‘Inertia’ in integration system and governance process
- A strategy for inter-regionalism
- Integration projects and public goods
- Convergence and flow of funds
- A new kind of diplomacy
Smallness and Power – Is Knowledge Diplomacy a tool?

- Synergy between political and economic logic
- Smallness and Power
- Is knowledge diplomacy a tool?
- Small State foreign policy ‘wiggle room’?
- A moment in scholarship- USP and UWI
Thank You